

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chairman Harlan Stern and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Harlan Stern, Joe Kinnie and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

The board approved accounts payable for the month of January.

The board held a conference call with Greg Etl to discuss the Phillips County appointment to the broadband committee. Greg suggests that the board appoints someone other than a provider to serve on the committee. Currently the board has appoint Vince Kropp from PC Telcom to the committee.

The board met with County Treasurer, Doug Kamery. He reported that he has added omitted property for Tallgrass Pony Express for 2014. This increases the total assessed value by \$785,840 for collections in 2015.

The board discussed the purchase of a disc for road District One. Board decided to get more information from Road Supervisor for District One, Evan Conzalvos, before making a decision.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the new hiring section to the personal policy. The new policy will state that all job openings for the county will be advertised. Should a new hire leave county employment during the first one hundred twenty (120) days after the hire date, the department head may review applications from the original application pool and hire from that pool without formally advertising the position. Motion carried.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the hiring of Jordan Fleharty as a full-time dispatcher for the Communication Center. Jordan will start at GN40 Grade 11, Step 1 at \$10.73/hour effective January 30, 2015. Motion carried.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to approve the step increase for Evan Conzalvos, District One Supervisor. Evan will be moved to RB Grade 22, Step 6 at \$34,532.52/yr., \$2,877.71/month effective February 13, 2015. Motion carried. He received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

Don Lock made a motion, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the 2014 HUFT annual road mileage report. Motion carried.

Chairman Harlan Stern declared the Supplemental Budget hearing open at 11:00 a.m.

With no one present to voice comments, Chairman Harlan Stern declared the Supplemental Budget hearing closed at 11:02 a.m.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to approve the 2014 supplemental budget. Motion carried. Copy is attached.

The board met with Vince Kropp of PC Telcom to discuss his appointment on the broadband committee. Kropp was informed that NECALG had requested that broadband providers not be appointed to the committee and so the commissioners needed to rescind his appointment. NECALG did indicate that providers will be involved in the study. Kropp graciously agreed to step down. The board will look for a new appointment.

The commissioners met with the Planning Commission over the noon hour to discuss Right-To-Farm regulations. They also attended the 1:30 p.m. public hearing held by the Board of Adjustment to hear testimony on the Smokey Hill compressor conditional use application.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock, to charge \$150 per projector/screen and to also charge \$50 for set up and tear down (must be done by county personnel only). Motion carried.

The board met with Junior Livestock Committee Chair Jeff Plumb. He discussed how to expedite payment to kids after the livestock sale.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve a subdivision exemption request from James and Julie Krogmeier for the sale of 11.52 acres (2 tracts) in the SE¼ of Section 7, T7N, R44W to Phillips County as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to accept the 2015 Wildfire Annual Operating Plan as submitted by Emergency Manager Bob Heldenbrand. Motion carried.

The board tabled any decision on making the Event Center available to the Red Cross for an emergency shelter.

The board agreed to contribute \$150 toward the post-prom events at both Holyoke and Haxtun high schools.

Don Lock informed the board that the Haxtun American Legion was considering tearing down its building. An inquiry had been made as to whether the county could assist in the demolition. Since this is a privately owned building, the board did not feel it was appropriate.

The board held a conference call with race promoter Joe Bellm regarding outstanding material still not received.

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Event Center Rentals:

- Gale Wiebers

The board reviewed the following monthly reports:

- Treasurers Report
- Cash Reconciliation Report

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla

Phillips County Clerk



Harlan Stern



Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk